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PORTLAND PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Room 3, Portland Public Library

Attendance:

Lin Lisberger, Terry DeWan, Penny Harris, Penny Harris, Alison Hildreth, Pandora LaCasse, Julia Kirby (Staff: Caitlin Cameron, Alex Jaegerman)

Not in attendance: James Cradock, Jenna Crowder, Jere DeWaters, Tony Muench, Councilor Marshall

Call to Order 4:05pm

*Approve Minutes from May 21, 2014 Kirby moves, Harris seconds, unanimous (5-0) approval (James Cradock, Terry DeWan, Jere DeWaters, , Pandora LaCasse, Tony Muench, Councilor Marshall absent).

Langlais:

Lisberger gave an update on the Langlais installations – the bears, heads, elephant, and dogs are installed. The large standing bear will hopefully be installed at Ocean Gateway next week. The heads installed at Deering High School will need lighting. A decision needs to be made about the location of the three remaining heads to be installed at Casco Bay High. Lisberger and LaCasse will go to site to decide. The location for the five abstract pieces is also undecided. The original location, the Peaks Island Branch of the library was being renovated and it is unclear whether Peaks or Burbank are the preferred location.

For the Langlais Trail, images of all the Langlais pieces were sent to Colby to be included in the Trail publications. All participating locations have sent \$50 checks to Colby to participate in the Trail.

Kirby and Lisberger announced that in preparation for the Langlais lecture in September, co-sponsors are being recruited. There is a press release ready to be distributed to advertise the event. Rather than have a reception, there will be dinner after. The question was raised whether Cradock could set up registration for the event to capture email addresses to be added to the listserve. Kirby will ask Cradock about this.

Portland Brick:

A sub-committee to review the Portland Bricks proposal met to review the application. The group includes Crowder, Cradock, Harris, and DeWaters. There were many questions raised as a result of reviewing the application: Does the applicant need to specify how the PPAC money will be used? Does it make sense for

the City to host the project's website? The review committee would like to move forward but not without seeing examples or images of what is proposed. The sub-committee will meet with the applicant again to discuss the proposal and get more information before bringing it to the whole committee.

Governance Subcommittee:

Lisberger reminded committee members that the City will post an announcement to fill DeWaters' vacancy in August. Lisberger encourages members to spread the word to those who might be good candidates.

Communications Subcommittee:

Lisberger attended the deliberations for the Maine Arts Commission application in Augusta but it is unlikely the PPAC will receive funding. Bangor Savings Bank is a potential future funding source but not for this project. Lisberger will approach Key Bank after the results from the Maine Arts Commission are made clear.

Art in Our Front Yard with local celebrities should wait until there is funding. Committee members were encouraged to approach potential celebrity presenters.

Other Business:

Congress Square:

In anticipation of the Council workshop on July 21 regarding the future planning of Congress Square there was a discussion on whether it would be appropriate for the PPAC to send a communication to the Council voicing an opinion.

*The PPAC voted to send a communication to City Council stating: "The PPAC would like to see the City move ahead on considering how to redesign the combined Congress Square Park and Square through the Congress Square Redesign Committee. This is an incredible opportunity to redefine the center of the city with public art." Voted in favor (5-0, 1 abstention (Kirby) with Cradock, Crowder, DeWaters, Muench, Councilor Marshall absent).

Adjourn at 5:45pm

Respectfully Submitted:
Caitlin Cameron